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CONVENTION.

THE belief that a Convention held in Chicago this year could be a grand success, was fully justified by the large number of Thetas who met at Hotel South Shore, July 26—29.

Many beside the official delegates were present and took an active part in both the business and social interests of the Convention. Among these were especially welcomed Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. B Locke Hamilton, the founder of the fraternity, Rev. Anna Shaw and Rev. Anna Downey, Alpha Gamma, Miss Means, Delta, Miss Sargent, Alpha Beta.

The principal social events of the week were a general reception given by Upsilon chapter, a reception to fraternity women, given by Psi chapter, a tea given by Tau chapter at Evanston, and a banquet at the South Shore.

After an informal reception given to delegates, the Convention was called to order for the transaction of business.

The Grand President, Miss Winifred Sercombe of Psi chapter, in a few cordial words, welcomed the members of the fraternity to the

Convention, after which, the following subjects were taken up for discussion.

- I. Constitution.
- II. Journal.
- III. Pan-Hellenism.
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- XIV. Chapter Organization.
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- XVI. Chapter Literary Life.
- XVII. Fraternity Influence in Chapter Life.
- XVIII. Election of Officers.

Much more work was done at this Convention than has been accomplished in many preceding years; but as the minutes of the meeting will be sent to all the chapters, only a brief account is necessary to be given here.

The first action of the Convention was to grant a charter of Kappa Alpha Theta to Ann Arbor University, Michigan, and nine young ladies present from Ann Arbor were given full initiation Friday evening.

The revision of the constitution was a matter for much discussion, and a constitution committee was appointed to make desirable changes which should be submitted to the action of the Convention.

Perhaps the most important changes made in the constitution were in regard to

1. The powers of the Grand Council.
2. Division of the fraternity into districts.
3. The financial organization.
4. Pledging System.

(1.) The grand Council consists of Grand President, Grand Vice Presidents, Grand Recording Secretary, Grand Corresponding Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

The powers of the Grand Council shall be the granting and withdrawal of charters, the amending of the alumnae constitution, arranging for conventions, the levying of necessary assessments upon chapters, the power to deal at discretion with a chapter violating the constitution, the power to receive and act upon reports of standing committees between Grand Conventions, the notification of chapters of proposed amendments to the constitution at least two months before time of Grand Convention, and the increasing the boundaries of districts.

(2.) The fraternity is divided into three districts designated by the letters of the Greek Alphabet.

Alpha district includes all chapters in the states of Vermont, New York and Pennsylvania.

Beta district includes all chapters in the states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Kansas.

Gamma district includes all the chapters of the state of California.

Each district may hold an annual convention, which convention shall have power to legislate for the district, subject always to the general constitution of the fraternity. The Presidents of the several districts are Vice Presidents, ex-officio, of the Grand Council.

(3.) The financial system was organized on a much improved basis which augurs future promptness and general satisfaction in business affairs.

(4.) After a rather stormy discussion, it was voted to do away with all pledging of preparatory students except by special permission or license granted by district officers.

Honorary membership is also to be dispensed with in the future.

The Grand Council, instead of a single chapter, is now to be held responsible for the JOURNAL.

The newly elected officers of the Grand Council are:

President, MISS MARGARET SMITH, 79 E. Pratt St. Indianapolis, Indiana.

Corresponding Secretary, MISS MINNIE REXFORD, Upsilon.

Recording Secretary, MISS KERR, Iota.

Treasurer, MISS SAWYER, Omega.

Editor, MISS SKINNER, Lambda.

The biennial convention of the Greek letter fraternity Kappa Alpha Theta closed yesterday at the Hotel South Shore, Seventy-third street and Bond avenue. One hundred young women delegates have been in attendance upon the convention, the sessions of which have been marked by all the enthusiasm of young collegians away on a vacation. The organization was formed in 1870 at De Pauw uni-

versity and is one of the oldest of women's Greek letter societies. Prominent among the alumnae present were Mrs. Bettie Locke Hamilton of the original chapter at DePauw, who designed the badge of the organization; the Rev. Anna Downey, Mrs. Mary Smith, once dean of Wellesley college; the Rev. Anna Shaw, and Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer. Wednesday afternoon the delegates were entertained at an afternoon tea at the house of a member of the organization in Evanston, and Thursday night a banquet was given. Friday night nine young women from Ann Arbor were initiated into the mysteries of the order and constituted the "baby" chapter of the fraternity. A revision of the constitution has been effected and the society incorporated. The national character of the organization was shown by the presence of delegates from the University of Vermont in the east and Leland Stanford university in the west.—Chicago Herald.



REPORT ON PAN HELLENISM.

TO the National Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta I desire to submit the following report on the subject of Pan Hellenism. In the spring of 1891 the first Pan Hellenic Convention was held with Phi chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The work of this Convention was simply to pass a set of recommendations upon matters of interest to all fraternities, the same to be submitted to the National Conventions of each fraternity for ratification and endorsement, with the hope of establishing a permanent Pan Hellenic organization for mutual benefit and improvement. The report of this Convention was submitted to the National Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta held in Burlington, 1891. Kappa Alpha Theta ratified the report with the exception of those portions pertaining to co-operation along the lines of fraternity jewelry and stationery. The action of all the fraternities upon Pan Hellenic matters is not yet fully known.

Gamma Phi Beta refused to ratify any portion of the report of the Convention and withdrew entirely from all Pan Hellenic co-operation.

Alpha Phi did not report save on the exchange of Journals and to the effect that the exchange was left to the discretion of the editorial board.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has made no report except on the matter of Journalism exchange and refuses on the ground of expense.

Delta Gamma ratified exchange of quarterlies but no report on other topics.

Tri-Delta ratifies exchange of quarterlies but no report on other topics.

Pi Beta Phi ratified entire report.

Delta Gamma, Tri-Delta, Pi Beta Phi, and Kappa Alpha Theta have all ratified the exchange of quarterlies, but so far as I have been able to learn the exchange has not been made. Notification has been sent to our editorial board, but I have been unable to learn whether Kappa Alpha Theta has co-operated in the exchange. It is my impression, however, that she has not, and I would in consequence recommend a re-consideration of the clause of the report which pertains to Journalism (I enclose a copy of the entire Pan

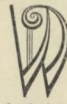
Hellenic report in case it is needed.) It may be that our editors found it impossible to make the exchange on account of the expense, or it may have proved impracticable for some reason. In either of these cases it seems to me that it would be better for Kappa Alpha Theta to withdraw her ratification than to continue in this way. It is bad for our reputation abroad not to live up to our agreement. If however, we can afford to make this exchange it would certainly be a source of much profit to us upon lines of contemporaneous fraternity history and development. A permanent Pan Hellenic organization has thus far been impossible. The co-operation has not been strong enough to encourage the Standing Committee on Pan Hellenism to hope for a second Convention. I do not believe that Pan Hellenic co-operation will prove practicable. Each fraternity prefers to work upon its own lines. A National Pan Hellenic association among college women, however, would prove to be a great advantage as a means of fraternity culture and education, and this I would most strongly advocate. A biennial or triennial meeting of representatives of different fraternities, not to arrange for co-operation along certain lines, but to discuss topics of mutual interest, to indulge in free interchange of opinion, would lead to a broader and kindlier fraternity spirit and would do much to raise the standard of all participating fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma took the lead in the first Pan Hellenic meeting. The Pan Hellenic congress is just over and Kappa Alpha Theta ought surely to do her part in bringing about a third Pan Hellenic meeting.

MARGARET E. SMITH,

Kappa Alpha Theta Representative in Standing Committee on Pan Hellenism.



FRATERNITY WORK.

HAT is fraternity work? The uninitiated might ask this, skeptical as to whether or not we college girls do any real work in our fraternity, aside from that of rushing, pledging, initiating, etc. We who are fraternity women know better, and yet I think each one of us might with sincerity ask that question, for our work in the fraternity is of so varied a nature that we scarcely define it, even to ourselves.

Webster, in defining the word *work*, gives four meanings which apply equally well to fraternity work.

The first, "*To transact, to carry on business.*" Have we not all met with that kind of work in our fraternity life and has it not been an invaluable lesson to us? Has not the business of the fraternity, both financial and executive, taught us that which later experience might bring to us with more serious results?

The cares and burdens of the fraternity house or hall, the debts to be met, the books to be kept, or even the knowledge of parliamentary rules, have proved an education, teaching us to be that important factor in modern civilization, women capable of taking care of their own business affairs.

Our recent Convention it seems to me, illustrates perfectly this meaning of the word *work*.

The second meaning is "*To have effect or influence.*" Therein lies our highest and most sacred duty and the one also that we are most liable to overlook. For through our fraternity we are enabled to influence, not only our own members, but the many outside girls *provided that* we take pains to do so and shape our own actions to that end. Every girl has the power to exert an almost immeasurable influence over her companions if she only recognizes the fact herself, and nowhere is she brought in contact with so many widely different natures as through her fraternity.

If we strive to make ourselves good women through the aid of our fraternity, that influence can not help but pass out to others and make itself felt with all the college girls.

Emerson says, "Do that which lies nearest thee and thou canst not hope too much or dare too much," and nowhere is this rule more potent than in the little acts of self sacrifice of a fraternity.

The third meaning, "*To mould, to shape,*" is but the natural se-

quence of the second; for by every noble deed, that we perform urged on by the worthy purpose of doing good unto others, we do good unto ourselves. Our college life is not given us merely that we should gain a knowledge of books, but that we should mould and shape our characters; and for that same end also is given us in great measure our fraternity life.

Many little grievances and crosses must always arise in the close companionship of a fraternity; but if received aright, they act for our own good, even as the sculptor presses and moulds the soft clay beneath his hand until it attains the perfect grace of outline and proportion which he desires to reproduce in the pure white marble.

May our fraternity ever be to us the instrument whereby our characters are made fit to be immortalized by being placed upon the roll of good and useful women.

The fourth meaning, "*To accomplish, to achieve*, is the summing up of the whole; for what work is perfect which is not directed toward some definite end and which does not achieve that purpose?

Ruskin says, "Work is a thing done because it ought to be done and for a determined end."

Our three preceding definitions are worthless without the last. It is the crowning point of all. Then let us all work for Kappa Alpha Theta in the full meaning of that word—to perfect our fraternity and by so doing, our own usefulness, to aid and influence others for good, to make our own characters true and noble, and to crown all with grand and glorious achievement!

H. T. K.

Psi.



EDITORIALS.

COMMUNICATIONS to the January number of KAPPA ALPHA THETA should be in the hands of the editor the first of December.

Of course a Convention number of the JOURNAL ought to have appeared two months ago. A July number should have reached every chapter three months ago. There is no doubt whatever about this, but just listen to the facts of the case.

By petition of some chapters, and by recommendation of others, the regular July number was delayed purposely in order that a full convention report might be printed therein. But, inasmuch as the minutes of the Convention did not reach the editor until the first of September, it became, necessarily, a little inconvenient to get out this issue at the appointed time.

This may account for the appearance of the Convention notes in the October number, and for the non-appearance of the July number. If this explanation be not perfectly clear and satisfactory, then write to the editors and tell them what you think of them. That will be sure to help arrange and clarify matters, and perhaps result in reproducing the spilled milk.

The JOURNAL extends a hearty greeting and most cordial welcome to our infant chapter—first born of the windy city. May you—even as the city of your birth—grow and thrive, and gather to your selves all wonders and blessings of the civilized world.

With all honor and respect to Kappa Alpha Theta's honorary members, (They are our glory and our pride!) the convention did a brave and sensible thing in declaring that, hereafter, honorary membership should be no more.

The tendency in the choice of honorary members, is to choose the high-sounding, that we may be seen of men, and savor of the sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. Such a tendency is entirely at variance with the spirit and the principles of our fraternity and is very properly prohibited before we have fallen into the popular error.

In spite of the most strenuous epistolary efforts, we have been unable to obtain a complete list of the names of corresponding secretaries and corresponding editors for the directory. Will those who notice omissions and mistakes please notify the editor, sending the necessary information and corrections before the time of our next publication.

The action of the Convention in regard to suitable provision for the JOURNAL, is most wise and satisfactory in every respect. We are now only waiting, with beating heart and bated breath, for the instructions and recommendations of Convention to be carried out fully and promptly.

It seems really too good to be true that we are to have two long contributions sent in for every number of the Quarterly, without the slightest exertion or waste of time and postage stamps on our part. Were it not the year of wonders, we would not believe in the possibility of such miracles for a moment; but as this news comes direct from Chicago, it must be true.

And then the ideal chapter letters that are to appear in the most magic way—unsummoned—just at the exact time for publication and written on only one side of the paper! (Our feelings overcome us at this point, and blot, with tears of thankfulness, words that would express our inmost thoughts.)

But when we read the report of the money-appropriation for publication and salaries, we pinch ourselves to make sure we are not dreaming. 'Tis then that the full and complete joy of editorial existence floods the soul and the sweet hope of future peace and prosperity takes deep root there.

Preparatory students shall not be pledged. We may lose something by it, but we shall gain more.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Members of Kappa Alpha Theta:

AS I enter upon the duties of the office of President of the Grand Council, I wish to express to you my appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me. I was not in the Convention and therefore have had no opportunity to communicate with the chapters through their delegates. My election was a surprise to me. I knew nothing of the Convention and its work. Therefore I have been doubly touched at the thought of the confidence you have shown in me. I thank you for it, and it is my earnest hope that during the next two years you may not have occasion to regret the same.

The last two years have marked a considerable development in our fraternity. Our organization has been greatly fortified, and our spirit has become much broader. There is still much for us to do, and as I look ahead I feel the helplessness of my position unless I have the sympathetic co-operation of each chapter. For this I sincerely ask.

Along the lines of general fraternity work, I am especially interested in that of Extension and in our JOURNAL. I am very desirous that all of the chapters should give more cordial support to the JOURNAL than we have heretofore given. We have sometimes, I fear, taken an unfair advantage of our editors, in electing them to their positions and afterwards failing to give them our best support and co-operation. Not only would I urge upon the chapters that they should be more prompt and regular in their contributions and chapter letters, but I would suggest that whenever possible they should make an effort to secure alumnæ subscriptions.

Then, too, I hope that much may be accomplished in the direction of fraternity education, that we may come to know more of our own organization as well as of other fraternities, and that we may grow more liberal in our entire conception of fraternity life.

Along the line of specific work, I hope that each chapter will make a still greater effort to bring each of the members to a consciousness of her best possibilities, morally, intellectually, and socially. It is only by continued effort of this kind that we can keep our standard where we wish to maintain it, and that we can help to

make our girls the strong, scholarly, and cultured women they desire to be.

In conclusion I would merely add that it is now my duty, as well as my pleasure to be of service to each and every one of you. You can all help me greatly in many ways, and I hope that there will be opportunities for me to be of assistance to you. Our outlook is very good; may our united efforts keep it so.

Very cordially yours,

MARGARET ELLEN SMITH.

LAMBDA CHAPTER.

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LILLIAN SANBORN,

DIED

MARCH 26, 1893.

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U. V. M., '86.

OBITUARY.

Lillian Sanborn of Lambda chapter, died in Tacoma, Washington, Sunday evening, March 26th, 1893. Miss Sanborn was a member of the class of '86, University of Vermont, and is remembered with much love by all the Theta girls of her time. After she was graduated, she engaged in teaching, first in Ashland, Mass., and then in Tacoma. She belonged to the true type of teachers; modest and unassuming herself, she possessed the rare faculty of awakening the interest and stimulating the efforts of her pupils. Her work in the Tacoma High School, where she had taught the last two years, was highly successful; but more than that, her influence was ever felt by her pupils, directing toward those high ideals of life she had formed for herself. To her, literally the

"World, as God has made it, all is beauty;
And knowing this is love, and love is duty."

Through physical pain and weakness, she kept bravely at her work, and only gave it up one week before her death. Even then, her sudden collapse and death were unexpected, but rheumatism of the heart soon brought a fatal termination. Just before she passed into a state of coma, she kept repeating the last lines of the *Passing of Arthur*—"To go from less to less, and vanish into light."

Her funeral was held in Tacoma, and upon her coffin amid the profusion of floral emblems, rested a Theta pin made of black and gold immortelles—the offering of the Thetas in urbe: Mrs. F. B. Cherington, Mrs. Werner, Mrs. Harvey N. Ott, Mrs. Allen C. Mason and Mrs. Geo. G. Chandler. She was buried in Sandy Hill, N. Y., her native place.

Surely the words of Epictetus are fitting to her brave life and death.

"Such will I show myself to you; faithful, modest, noble, tranquil — —sickening and dying as becomes the Divine within me. This I can do; this is within my power."

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise and all-loving Father to call from our midst our beloved sister and friend, Stella Jones; and

WHEREAS, Our sister, during her attendance at the Illinois Wesleyan University and among us, proved herself an earnest student, a noble young woman and an affectionate sister, endearing herself to all who knew her. Be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Delta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, while we trustfully bow to the will of our Heavenly Father, deeply mourn the loss of our departed sister.

RESOLVED, That we extend to the bereaved parents, relatives and friends of the deceased our sincere sympathy, and join with them in the comforting thought that, though "here we have no continuing city," the pure in heart shall be forever with God in the city of his selection.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our chapter record, published in the fraternity JOURNAL and in the city papers, and also that a copy be sent to the family of our deceased sister.

(Signed)

MARY R. POTTER,
LELIA MEANS.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

Epsilon.

WOOSTER UNIVERSITY, August 28, 1893.

EPSILON'S official delegate has not yet come home to give us a report of the work done at the Convention, but fortunately some of the girls who were there have brought enough enthusiasm to last until she comes to report fully. We feel that much was accomplished and congratulate Alpha for her successful work on the constitution.

No doubt many of you have read reports about Wooster University running down and the fraternities dying out. The attendance did diminish a little last fall, but as is always the case, things were represented worse than they are. The fraternities only had to work somewhat harder for the students, and the fact that two chapters died out does not prove more than that they did not work with the rest.

Most of the chapters have been working some this summer but Theta has preferred to wait until the opening of school.

The summer has been especially quiet for Epsilon as so many of our girls have been out of town. Our annual picnic was turned into a party which was as enjoyable as impromptu affairs always are. Grace Overholt kindly lighted up her home for the occasion.

We were all glad to have Emily Bruce spend a few days of her vacation with us. It was her first visit since she graduated in '90.

Since our last letter we have married one of our girls and we now write to Mrs. Joseph Myers, Leslie, Michigan, instead of going to see Bertha Brown.

On account of lack of time during commencement week Theta's "annual reception" as the *Voice* calls it, was thrown into the midst of examinations. However, all put away every thought of study and gathered at the home of Mabel Saybolt, where we chatted away to our friends long after what we called tomorrow was today.

Our girls occupied as prominent places as is their custom commencement week. On the program for Willard Public of those

chosen from Willard, five were Thetas, two Kappas and four non-fraternity girls.

Our alumnae quartette has been together again this summer and we are sorry to see it break up when school begins.

EPSILON.

Mu.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, Aug. '93.

We will start out at the beginning of a new college year with the brightest of prospects, the old circle being unbroken except by the absence of our four seniors, but Clara Campbell will return after a year's absence and help fill the space which they have left.

Deep regret is felt by all at the loss of our president, Dr. Wheeler, but his successor, Dr. Crawford, will in no way lower the standard of the college and although younger than any of his predecessors, a successful year is assured. He is a graduate of North Western University and of the Garret Biblical Institute.

The commencement exercises were unusually well attended by Allegheny's alumni and friends who came to bid farewell to our "dear old doctor," and also to attend the dedicatory exercises of Wilcox Hall of Science. In the events of the week, Theta had her part. Misses Howard and Watson were on the Senior Ten and Belle Watson also did us honor as class poet.

We will be fortunate this term in having one of our seniors near enough to assist at an initiation or reception, and another in town to swell the ranks of our resident alumnae and give us timely advice and warnings. We have also near the college, Mrs. Mae Goff Smith, one of Mu's loyal members whose recent marriage has not diminished her love for the fraternity.

At the beginning of last term, we received into our circle Miss Blanche Bascom, a lovely girl who has been one of us in everything but name since her sister joined our ranks, and no sooner had she entered college than we decked her out in the black and gold, which were as becoming to her as to the oldest Theta, and no one will do the colors more honor than our baby.

This year was the birth of our ladies Pan Hellenic, including Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega, and Kappa Alpha Theta. In this we pride ourselves on having outwitted the boys. If they had been less absorbed in the preparation for their annual powwow they might have noticed that their taunts were received with un-

usual meekness. On the night when they, headed by a brass band, made the streets ring with college and fraternity yells, we found our way quietly to Trowbridge's, where a delightful banquet was spread, and the gentlemen soon after acknowledged themselves beaten on receiving a dainty menu card with the message "From Pan Heavenly to Pan Hellenic."

We are glad to know that the Convention was such a success and anxiously await the opening of school to hear the report of our delegates.

MU.

Tau.

Dear Thetas:

It is with increased love and enthusiasm that I write these words now. The Convention has made Theta nearer and all the girls dearer than ever before. I think all who were there will join me in saying "What a pity every Theta could not be there," what a great amount of good it would have done us all. Diphtheria prevented one of our girls from being present, but we are glad to announce her complete recovery.

Lucy Sheldon, one who had been with us several years, passed away soon after the close of school. An earnest, loyal Theta, how we shall miss her!

The Convention asked for a description from each chapter, of its university home. For two reasons it seems needless for me to comply. A year ago such an account from Tau appeared in the JOURNAL, and too, for those who paid us a flying visit during the Convention, it does not seem necessary to tell of our fine campus with its massive oak trees, on the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan. We would ever sing its praises, for surely there was never a prettier college town than Evanston. Beautiful residences and large trees line its broad streets, and Sheridan drive along the lake shore is one of the finest in the country. And not the least important feature in our opinion is Theta Cottage with its vine covered porches.

As the chapter at the national headquarters we extend to you all a cordial invitation to visit us.

At the request of the faculty all Sorority halls henceforth will be in the Woman's Hall. We objected at first but found it useless to do so. We have a very pretty hall there which the trustees have had decorated in black and gold. It is in one corner of the building

quite apart from the rest with windows looking south and west.

With best wishes for success in coming battles,

Yours in Theta,

TAU.

Psi.

Dear Theta Sisters:

Psi is again ready for work, inspired by the Convention with new enthusiasm. Although we greatly miss our five sisters who graduated in the class of '93, yet the pangs of parting were lessened by the hope of reunion in the summer at Chicago, and those of us who were able to be in Chicago at the time of the Convention enjoyed to the fullest extent the talks of old times with our alumnae.

Psi has had no other reunion this summer. Her members have been widely scattered, yet we have been kept in touch and sympathy with one another by a method which may be still untried by other chapters. We have a circulating letter, begun by one of us soon after commencement and sent from sister to sister, each adding a little until the big fat budget is indeed "a sight for sore eyes" to some whose summer homes are far from Theta sisters and college interests. The KAPPA ALPHA THETA correspondent's name was far down the list and the fifteen or sixteen letters to which she added her mite brought her both good news and sad.

The greatest disappointment it contained was the news that Maud Hutson of the class of '96 will not be in college this year. Margaretta Lewis, '93 has accepted the position of High School Assistant at Mineral Point, Wis. Daisy Chadwick, also of the class of '93 will teach in the High School at her home in Monroe. The only letter which was not from a member of Psi was from Mrs. Mitchell of Beta, whose home is Monroe, Wis. She made us feel her sympathy and interest by a short but encouraging note.

The good times of the Theta girls during the past spring term were too numerous to mention but most important, of all was our banquet. It is our custom to hold our annual banquet during commencement week when the largest number of our alumni can be present. It always seems like a formal farewell to our seniors as active members of the chapter and a welcome to the ranks of the alumni. This year the Theta girls who graduated from the University were Belle Austin, Kate L. Sabin, Margaretta Lewis, Daisy J. Chadwick and Catharine Brown.

Just before the close of the term a chapter of Phi Gamma Delta was added to W. U's fraternity list. This makes in all seven men's and four women's fraternities in the college.

We intend to occupy the same chapter house which we had last year, although Dr. and Mrs. Tolman, who made the lodge life so pleasant for us last year, have left us. Prof. Tolman accepted a call to North Carolina. Prof. and Mrs. Scott will take their place.

With true loyalty to Theta,

PSI.

Aug. 27, 1893.

Omega.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY.

The time that we have been together this term is still so short that Omega has but little fraternity news to communicate. College life has begun in earnest again and most of the past two weeks has been devoted to work. However, we have had two chapter meetings and of course found much of interest to discuss. We have greatly enjoyed the reports of the Convention given by our delegates, and let me add that Omega heartily concurs in the changes recently made. We are much pleased with the management for the JOURNAL, and especially glad that Miss Skinner, who has shown herself such an able editor, is to continue in her present position.

The freshman class this year is unusually large and contains so many desirable girls that we think our "rushing prospects" are very bright indeed. We have thus far but one "pledging," Lucretia Watson, '97, of whom we are very proud and who we are sure will make an excellent Theta.

Theta Hall is now opened again after the vacation and every room is occupied. We wish that each and every chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta possessed and enjoyed such a chapter house as ours. We feel that it has drawn us together as almost nothing else could have done and is indeed a source of strength as well as pleasure.

With kind wishes to all,

OMEGA.

PERSONALS.**Epsilon.**

LARA Brown, Blanche Curry, Dale Douglas, Mellie Woodworth, Mary Rehm, Mildred Packer, Helen Jeffries, Bess Dunlap, Mabel Saybolt, Luella Wallace, Grace Overholt, Harriet and Chloe French and Mrs. Mateer, all of Wooster, spent part of their summer in Chicago.

Miss Luella Wallace will teach again this winter at Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Miss Helen Jeffries this year expects to teach the High School boys and girls of Salem, Ohio, how to read Latin.

Miss Kit Johnson who taught last year in Fulton, Mo., will remain at home this winter.

Miss Clara Brown will teach for her sister Alice at St. Joe, Mo., until Christmas.

The Berkeley girls can understand why we are glad to have Miss Mary Henderson with us this winter.

Mu.

Miss Harriett Moench, pledged '92, was married June 21, to Mr. M. E. Fisher; we wish all joy for our pledging.

Miss Anna Coder, '92, has again accepted the position as teacher of Latin and French in Missouri Wesleyan College.

Rebecca Cooper, '93, will pursue a course in music at the Meadville Conservatory of Music.

Miss Stella Foote is filling a position as teacher at Wellsville, O.

The marriage of Miss Mae Goff, '86, and Mr. S. B. Smith, Meadville, Pa., took place June 13, 1893 at Allegheny, the home of the bride.

During the term we had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Mildred Imniel, Epsilon.

Omega.

Much to the regret of our entire chapter, two of Omega's '96, girls, Grace Cope and Edith Rice, are not to return to college this

year. Grace Cope is soon to leave for the East and after visiting Chicago she will go to Toronto to spend the winter. Edith Rice is still at her home in Ventura, but also expects to go East during her leave of absence.

The engagement of Miss Jennie Ellsworth, '93, to Mr. Robert M. Price, '93, of Beta Theta Pi, was announced a few weeks ago. Miss Ellsworth has gone to Chicago on a visit and will probably not return home until after Christmas.

Agnes Crary, '92, who is teaching in the State Normal School at Chico, made us a short visit last week.

Jessie Watson, '92, and her mother, who were in Chicago this summer have postponed their European trip and returned to California. They are now at their home in the Santa Cruz Mts.

Elsie Lee, '89, is again living at the Chapter House. She spent the last year in studying and travelling in Europe.

Mabel Hall, '93, has made us several short visits this term.

Louise Bunnell, Ex '94, is again at her home in San Francisco after a winter spent in and near New York. Her engagement to Mr. Charles Keeler has been announced.

Mabel Urmy of Phi, who has been teaching in Berkeley for some time past, leaves this week for New York, where she will spend several months. She hopes while there to be able to meet some of our eastern Thetas.

EXCHANGES.

THE faculty at Syracuse have granted the petition of the seniors to abolish the system of commencement speakers, and in the place of graduation orations to have an address by some eminent man.—Ex.

The daily papers are all publishing interesting figures which show that Michigan has more students than Harvard.—Ex.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt will erect a dormitory at Yale, as a memorial to their son, William Henry Vanderbilt, Yale '92, who died last May. It is estimated that the building will cost at least \$400,000.

Postmaster-General Wilson S. Bissell was a member of D. K. E. at Yale, being chosen to membership in 1867. In his senior year Mr. Bissell was a member of the Skull and Bones Society.—Ex.

D. K. E. is rich in the members of President Cleveland's Cabinet, not only the Postmaster-General, as before recorded, is a D. K. E., but also the Secretary of the Navy, Hon. Hilary A. Herbert. He was initiated into the mysteries of Delta Kappa Epsilon at the University of Virginia.—Ex.

Yale holds entrance examinations for the freshman class this year in thirty-five different places, but all at the same time, beginning Thursday, June 29th. Among the more distant places are Galveston, Tacoma and Honolulu.—Ex.

The bill to appropriate twenty thousand dollars for the construction of a woman's gymnasium at the University of Michigan, failed to pass the legislature, by ten votes. "The co-eds. will not give up the fight, but will make another attempt two years hence."—Ex.

It is going the rounds that the northwestern chapter of Delta Upsilon expelled three seniors because they married. Now, now! Such conduct is contrary to law and mercy.—Ex.

Miss Harriet Hamilton, a Cornell student, Miss Caroline Miles, Ph. D., of Michigan University, and Miss Elizabeth Slade, A. B., of Wellesley College, are now members of the faculty of the Chicago

University, and are appointed to the English, psychology, and Greek departments respectively.—*Boston Herald*.

"As Boston University is co-educational," says the *New York Tribune*, "the lady students of the College of Liberal Arts are participants in the class banquets, interclass receptions, etc., so that heretofore there have been no social occasions, except the fraternity banquets, at which men alone were present. This year, however, through the efforts of the men of the senior class, a man's banquet, to include all men of the college, was held at the Copley Square Hotel on the evening of February 21st."—Ex.

Wabash College has recently received a bequest of \$60,000 which, however, will only become productive on the condition that women are admitted on equal terms with men. Wabash is the only college in Indiana that does not admit women.—*Ariel*.

It is expected that with the next college year, a new course, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Letters, will be established at Williams College.—Ex.

Melville D. Landon, (Eli Perkins) who graduated from Union College in the class of '61, was recently initiated into the Union chapter, of Beta Theta Pi.—Ex.

From the New York papers it appears that Delta Kappa XI is again in trouble with the faculty at Yale. After the Rustin accident they promised that hereafter the initiation should consist of assenting to the constitution. They have since been caught leading a student blindfolded through the streets, and now they have the option of being abolished, of becoming an open society, or permitting a member of the faculty to be present at each meeting.—Ex.

Bishop John F. Hurst tells the New York Methodist ministers that the plans for the great non-sectarian American university at Washington are progressing very satisfactorily. The ninety-two acres of land at the capital, which have been bought and paid for, have risen in value until the land is now worth at least half a million. A good beginning has also been made in money subscriptions, and the bishop is confident that enough of the \$10,000,000 which it is proposed to raise, will soon be in sight to warrant a start in the work of building.—*Boston Transcript*.

It is evident from a perusal of the exchange departments of the

various fraternity magazines, that their several editors have very different conceptions of what such a department should be. Some editors undertake to review the exchanges which they receive, sometimes thoroughly, but more often briefly, and in their attempt to characterize the magazine in a short sentence they sacrifice truth to brevity; others point out the shortcomings of their fellow publications and indulge in sly laughs at their expense; still others make no attempt at reviewing but aim to give their readers the best things which they find in their exchange journals. The latter has been our plan. We cannot give sufficient space to the exchange department to enable us to do thorough reviewing and we protest, in the name of all journalism and literature, against that sketchy, sensational style of reviewing which seizes upon one or two points, and elaborating these points with a few emphatic adjectives, pretends to give in this way a correct idea of a magazine. The reviewing of fraternity magazines is too apt to resemble newspaper criticism. We try then in *Among the Greeks* to give to our readers the best ideas of our fellow publications.—*The Arrow*.

A literary Frenchman, after studying English for a few months, wrote to an American friend; "In small time I can learn so many English as I think I come at the America and go on the scaffold to lecture."—*Ariel*.

At the University of Michigan the lot of the freshman young woman is by no means the unenviable one which is decreed to the freshmen of so many colleges. The Women's League, an organization of all women of the University for the purpose of promoting social unity, and levelling class distinctions, makes it its business to give a cordial welcome to all new girls. Not a welcome of mere words, but practical assistance in securing rooms, room-mates, arranging work and learning the ways of the college. Under these conditions no girl can feel utterly friendless and alone. She instinctively feels that there is a spirit of help and sympathy abroad.—*The Arrow*.

The following are the rules governing the admission of fraternities to the University of Chicago:

1. Each chapter organized must submit its house rules to the faculty for approval.
2. Each must appoint a representative with whom the faculty may confer at such times as may be desirable.

3. Membership in the societies must be restricted to students of the second year, academic colleges and students of the university colleges.

4. The University reserves the right to withdraw from chapters permission to exist in the University. The faculty is authorized to add any regulations which it thinks wise in consistency with the above."—Ex.

The question of wearing cap and gown at commencement has been giving the seniors at Minnesota no little trouble of late. About half the class are in favor of it, but a considerable minority are vigorously opposed, declaring that they will not wear the "ascension robes" in any circumstances.—Ex.

Professor Von Holt, of the University of Chicago, is reported as saying, in a recent address: "There is in the United States as yet, not a single university in the sense attached to this word by Europeans. The day when it would be seriously asserted that the United States can not afford to have such institutions is surely passed. A nation paying in pensions a sum considerably higher than the cost of the standing armies sucking out the life blood of European nations not able to maintain universities—it is too absurd to deserve refutation. I have not only visited but lived in a number of countries, and the results of my observations of their higher educated youth is that though by no means as to knowledge, yet as to the earnestness, steadiness and enthusiasm in the pursuit of knowledge, the American students stand first. And nature has not been in a stingy mood when weighing out their allotment of brains! Give them but the opportunities and you will soon see whether they need to shun comparison with the scholars of other nations. They are handicapped in a way which makes the blood of a true friend of this country tingle with impatience."—*Beta Theta Pi*.

The dental departments of Ann Arbor and Pennsylvania are the only ones that admit women to the study of dentistry. The first woman dentist, Mme. Hirschfeldt, who afterward became dentist to the family of the Emperor William, graduated from the Pennsylvania school.—*Boston Journal*.

The old cross roads colleges are graduating seven-eighths of the ed-

educated men of America; they are paying higher salaries to instructors in which the eastern fraternities were founded and in which chapters are still maintained; and it can hardly be doubted that within ten years the reproachful patronizing term, "Western College," will be uttered only with an inflection of pride and respect.—*The College Fraternity.*

It was in the olden days (says the *Boston Budget*,) when they were trying to introduce the Roman pronunciation of Latin instead of the Continental. They wanted to pronounce Cicero "Kickero" and Julius Cæsar "Yulius Kizer. Of course for a time there was a determined opposition, but gradually the schools fell into line with the colleges, and the Roman pronunciation soon held undisputed sway. But there was one female seminary in western Massachusetts that successfully resisted the progress of those hated C's and J's. To the faculty it was more a question of expediency than of principle, so in open session it was "*Resolved*, That the faculty of H—Ladies' Seminary condemns the introduction of the Roman method of Latin pronunciation, since the motto of the seminary forbids it." The motto was "*Jubet Vicissim.*"

The two *Shields* are here—the blue and the green; and other magazines of different colored covers, so that a stack of a quarter's exchanges bears a regular Dolly Varden appearance. The Theta Delta Chi *Shield*, the *Trident* and the current *Palm* are blue—three different shades of blue—and until recently the *Scroll* came wrapped in a fourth degree of the same color. The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi is green—very green—and a few numbers ago the *Quarterly* of Sigma Chi bore it company. The *Record* has recently taken on a stone color and the *Scroll* now a drab parchment. The Delta Kappa Epsilon *Quarterly* has gloried in a beautiful brown, but has just discarded its autumn attire for a more spring-like tan. The *Key* and the *College Fraternity* have stuck to gray as becomes their dignity, while the *Palm* has for this day and date, only, put aside its somber gray for an Easter dress of light blue, with old gold trimmings. *Anchora* wears an unassuming covering of chocolate, while *Kappa Alpha Theta* is about as æsthetic as could well be, with its dainty, glossy, cream-colored and simply decorated covering, which is removed beyond the possibilities of a description of any but a feminine pen. There is one magazine, however, the appearance of which any man could describe. It is *Sigma Chi* in its new garb—that of glori-

ous red. The cover is red, and the letters are redder, and the whole thing presents just such an appearance as would attract any masculine eye for blocks distant.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Delta Gamma and Alpha Phi have both entered the Woman's College of Baltimore. Both chapters are well chosen, and have a free field of 300 students to pick from.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

Kappa Kappa Gamma's convention at Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 24—26, exchanged many courtesies with the Sigma Chi's meeting at the same time. Alumnae members will be given a larger share in managing the fraternity than heretofore. A second degree of the fraternity has been founded, and a chapter established at Leland Stanford University. The new grand president is Emily H. Bright, 731 Main St., Cambridge, Mass. The next convention will be held at Ithaca, N. Y., the fourth Wednesday in August, 1894.—Ex.

Alpha Phi held its twentieth annual convention at Syracuse, N. Y., October 12—14, delegates being present from the eight active chapters, those at the Women's College, Baltimore, and the University of Michigan being new. The first song book has been published by J. M. Armstrong & Co., Philadelphia. Alpha Phi will not join in the World's Fair exhibit, but will participate in the Pan Hellenic Congress. The new president is Henrietta Coon, of Chicago.—Ex.

"University extension," says a writer in the *University Extension Magazine*, "has proved one of the most powerful social solvents. It has succeeded where all other agencies have failed in uniting in one common effort the Jew, the Roman Catholic, the Protestant—whether Episcopalian, Methodist, Baptist or Presbyterian. It has brought together in one undertaking the laborer and employer, the rich and poor, the professional man and mechanic, and has demonstrated in a new and convincing way that the interest in higher things and capacity for their enjoyment is by no means limited to the college graduate, or to the male sex, or to the well-to-do. The elevating, unifying, conciliating, educating influences of our modern society are not by any means so numerous that we can afford to dispense with any single one in the great and trying times of social reform towards which we are rapidly drifting."—

Now that so many of the old-time colleges have opened their

doors to women, the question has arisen, How soon will Vassar and other such schools open their doors to men?—Ex.

A youthful and ambitious corresponding secretary of the Kappa Psi *Shield* has been studying the "social conditions" of Leland, Stanford Jr., University. Here are the results of his observation: "The social conditions here are peculiar. The immediately surrounding population has as little idea of the purpose or functions of a university as a cow has of politics. To them every educational institution is a school, whether it be a university or kindergarten. Naturally under such circumstances students flock by themselves. This condition is changing, however, and only a year or two will be required, at the present rate of progress, to surround us with a population in sympathy with our aims and ideas. With such a cosmopolitan population as that of Stanford, 'society' is naturally somewhat crude, and it is extremely interesting to watch its development and classification. Among the ladies there are three organizations—Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and a group of girls who have drifted together by a process of natural selection, and who call themselves The Combination. Two groups of Greek letters (neither of which is Phi Kappa Psi, be it devoutly and thankfully remarked) form keys to this combination. The sororities comprise girls of solid intellectual attainments and a fair degree of beauty!"

The editor suggests the following New Year resolutions for the consideration of the associate editors:

1. *Resolved:* That in spite of sickness or death, the chapter letters be written.
2. That, notwithstanding examinations, receptions, or other temptations of the season, the letters be sent promptly.
3. That, letters be so written as to be worth \$1.15 per page to print.
4. That requests for literary contributions be no longer politely ignored.
5. That such contributions be written upon subjects more pertinent than Theosophy or Egyptology.
6. That all communications be written in such form that the services of an expert hieroglyphist be not required to elucidate their meaning.
7. That the constitution be read, pondered and inwardly digested, and their lives ordered thereby.

8. That no communications be sent written upon more than one side of the paper.

9. That requests for money be regarded seriously and not as humorous editorial effervescence.

10. That they forgive the editor her shortcomings and have none of their own.—*Anchora*.

The *Alpha Phi Quarterly* together with the *Trident* and the *Rainbow* have not yet become obese but are as lean and modest as a poor relation. The first of these is quite literary and the leading article in the current number is an enthusiastic critique of Matthew Arnold, in which that gentleman receives his full share of praise. Quotations are indulged in to such an extent that the article covers a number of pages. But Alpha Phi has a rhymers, too, and the following lines on co-education give an idea of the smoothness and thought of two pages of similar composition:

"We had thought, for many ages,
As we studied o'er the pages,
Men, alone, were meant for sages—
Women should not share our lore;
But as o'er our books we're gaping,
Yes, and sometimes even napping,
We have heard a noisy rapping,
Rapping at our college door.
"Tis those females," we have muttered.
"Rapping at our college door.
Only that and nothing more."

Yet these maidens, nothing daunted,
Still their powers before us flaunted,
Till our very halls seemed haunted
By their never-ending roar.
Then we heard them all accusing
That the cause of our refusing
Was because we feared of losing
Honors we had had before—
Just because we feared of losing
Honors we have had before.
Merely this, and nothing more.

Now we've learned so much about her,
We could hardly do without her;
And we never more will doubt her,
As we used to doubt, of yore.
Woman's worth appreciating,
Mind of man and maid equating,
She will find a welcome waiting,
Always, at our college door.
She will find a welcome waiting,
Always, at our college door.
"Welcome here, forevermore."

VALE! WORLD'S FAIR FRATERNITY EXHIBIT—At a special meeting of the College Fraternities' Exhibit Committee, held at Administration Building, Jackson Park, April 1, 1893, at which six fraternities were represented, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the College Fraternities' Exhibit Committee hereby decides that, for various reasons, an exhibit by college fraternities at the World's Columbian Exposition is not at this time feasible, the chief reasons being that the space was not allotted until the time remaining was too short to make a characteristic exhibit and the consequent inexpediency of collecting exhibits while this important matter was undetermined, as well as the difficulties placed in the way by the Exposition Management of carrying out the decorative design, after it had been selected by the committee and approved by said Management, and that the Committee therefore surrender the space allotted to it. RICHARD LEE FEARN, *Chairman*.

MABELLE T. LITTLE, *Secretary*."

This resolution we think wisely and satisfactorily settles the question of the exhibit which the committee bravely endeavored to make a success in the face of all the obstacles, natural and artificial, placed in its way.

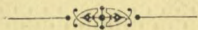
The *Scroll* had not desired in any way to discourage the exhibit enterprise so long as Phi Delta Theta planned to take part in the same. Now that the official edict for its decease has gone forth, we heartily second it, for the reasons given in the quoted resolutions, and those appearing in an article published in our February number. —*Scroll*.

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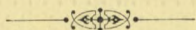
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